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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ground Systems Division
Chief, Air Systems Division
Chief, Special Measurement Staff

SUBJECT: QRB Testing of Contract Developed Equipment

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1. We are fortunate in having [] aboard. For the present, he will give particular attention to the development of uniform approaches within S&D in the areas of reliability and quality. The several objectives which he will pursue will include the following:

- a. Development of uniform procedures.
- b. Determination of the extent of pre-acceptance testing required in order to assure desirable quality and reliability levels.
- c. Post-acceptance evaluation which may be feasible for the QRB or the facility to conduct.
- d. Some assessment of reliability of equipment and systems now in existence.

2. The nature of the equipment which we are procuring generally represents state of the art in one way or another, and it is therefore desirable that appropriate checks be made during the development of the equipment to ascertain that the end goal remains feasible. The tests involved may be novel and subtle due to the nature of the development, and it does not appear desirable to develop and maintain the broad spectrum of techniques and equipment for extensive in-house testing.

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